DEPARTMENT OF BENEFIT PAYMENTS

June 25, 1974



ALL-COUNTY LETTER NO. 74-112

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Special Need Allowance for Property Taxes

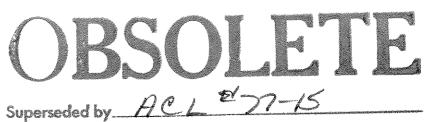
REFERENCE: EAS Manual Section 46-425.4

EAS Manual Section 46-425.4 permits granting a special need allowance for property tax to SSI/SSP recipients who meet the eligibility criteria.

The property tax assistance for eligible recipients, authorized under W & I Code Sections 11023 and 11023.1, is repealed effective July 1, 1974. At the same time, Revenue and Taxation Code, Section 19524, prohibiting public assistance recipients from submitting a claim for property tax assistance under the Senior Citizens Property Tax Assistance Law is repealed. The changes in these laws now permit public assistance recipients who are 62 years of age or older, as of January 1 of the previous fiscal year, to file for assistance under the Senior Citizens Tax Relief Law for the 1973-74 fiscal year. Eligible recipients for this benefit should be referred to the Franchise Tax Board office in their area for the appropriate claiming forms.

Payment for the current tax year (1973-74) should be completed for all SSI/SSP recipients by June 30, 1974. However, should there be payments due that will not be accomplished by that date, appropriate encumbrance accounting methods and authorizations must be followed to assure proper accountability for claiming state reimbursement.

Converted adult aid cases, in which amounts for property taxes were included as part of their December 1973 grant payment, will be handled in accordance with the directives issued covering county monitoring of mandatory SSP cases.



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